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CHRISTIANITY:

OR, THE
Young Man's GUIDE thro' the
Wilderness of this World:

WITH A
Drop of Honey from the ROCK
of CHRIST.

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Good of all Christian Families.

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Every virtue is a step to eternity.

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CHRISTIANS, seek good and not evil, that ye may live, and the Lord will be with you: God will maintain you all your days in his service: He will be your guide even unto death. Whilst you have a day to live God will stand by you: he will never leave you nor forsake you.— Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your lives, and the Lord will never turn away from you to do you good.— I will be a husband unto you, and betroth you unto me for ever. You shall not need to fear; I will give you my choice love; I will give you my heart; I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and my daughters. Therefore, come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give rest to your souls. For my Yoke is easy, and my Burden is light. I will be

a shepherd to you: Fear no evil for I am with you: You shall not want, for I will feed you: You shall not wander nor be lost, for I will restore you: I will cause you to lie down in green pastures, & feed you beside the still waters. I will be a physician to you: I will bear your backsliding and cure all your disease. Therefore fear not; no soul miscarried that left itself in God's hands. I will be a God unto your children. Consider how happy your condition will be if in time you repent, and forsake your sins: Then God will be your father, Christ your brother, and the Spirit your comforter. You shall be filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost: You shall have free pardon of all your sins, so that they shall not be remembered any more.

O my soul! dost thou not see the chariots & horses of fire come to take thee up? Be thou as poor as Lazarus, yet God will not disdain to send a party of angels to conduct thee home. Fear not, my soul, as if thou was going to a strange place: Thou wast born from above, and there is thy father's house, & therefore thou shalt

surely be admitted, and shalt see the glorious preparations of eternal love. Methinks I hear already how the morning stars sing together, & all the sons of God shout for joy. The Lord hath spoke it: You shall see his face, and his name shall be written in your foreheads; & you shall no more need the light of the sun or moon, for the Lord shall give you light, and you shall reign with God for ever. Therefore hold out and be saved; overcome & reign; be faithful unto death, and he will give thee a crown of life. This is the plain case; obey and live, or die for ever. And therefore what can I say more or less; I will be his servant: Let others choose whom they will, as for me, O my soul, I will serve the Lord.

This resolution, thus founded, is like to stand. Should I wrong my God! Hath he ever done me any wrong? Hath he not been ever good to me? kind, patient, pitiful, bountiful! who hath fed me, clothed me, kept & comforted me! What friend have I in the world; what father, what mother, what hope, but the Lord! What

were I; what had I, but woe and misery, had I not a God! Therefore I love God above all, with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul: He is all my hope and desire. What a miserable creature were I, if it were not for my hope in God; and what would all the world be to me, if I should lose my soul!

But dost thou speak in earnest; dost thou think what thou speakest? Yea, says the sinner, I gladly commit myself to thee and trust myself with thee: I set my hopes in thee: I take up my rest with thee.—

Lord let me hear thee say, I am thy salvation, and I have enough: Come unto me, all ye ends of the earth, and ye shall be saved, for I am God, and there is none else but me. Now put on thy wedding garment, and go and marry thyself to Jesus Christ, and say, I am thine, and all that I have; my body, my soul, my name, and my estate: I give my heart to thee, I will be thine everlastingly.

If it be so, then the Lord will give thee the desire of thine heart. Keep but the pipes open, & ply the means which I have

prescribed, and you shall flourish in the courts of your God. God will be the dew unto you, and ye shall grow as the Lily, and shoot forth roots as the Cedar of Lebanon: and your beauty shall be as the Olive tree: You shall still bring forth fruit in old age: You shall be fat and flourishing. I will be a staff of bread to your life, and the strength of your days. I will be the house & home to you. I will repair your losses and relieve your needs. When you are in want you know where to come, I am ever at home: you shall not go away empty from my door. I will serve you when friends and heart fail you. When your eye and heart-strings crack; when your friends leave you; when your soul leaves you my bosom shall be open unto you. I am the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, and whatever I have been to them I will be to you.

Here is mercy to the world of sinners! Behold I have spread the table of the gospel for you: I have set before you the bread & water of Life: Eat, friends, and

drink abundantly; be satisfied with the fatness of his house, and the heavens shall receive you all; and so may you be for ever with the Lord.

Now blessed is he that hath believed, for there will be a performance of these things that have been told him; for no sooner shall your doom be past but the bench will rise, and the judge will return with all his glorious train. With sound of trumpet & shoals incredible, will he ascend and lead you to your father's house. Then will the angels lift up their heads, and the everlasting gates stand open, and the heavens will receive you all. In short, he will make you equal to the angels, & you will be the everlasting trumpets of his praise. And besides all this, whenever death comes you will be sure of heaven, and your bodies will be laid in the grave, as in the bed of Christ, there to rest till the glorious morning of the resurrection, when they will be received into heaven, the place of joy and bliss. Then you will be stript of all your robes of mortality, and clothed with immortality. Then shall you meet

with your dear friends and relations that departed in the fear of God, and no tongue can express the joy you will have with one another to all eternity. Then you will be able to say at the great day, Yonder sits the Son of God, whose blood was shed for my redemption, Which the Lord of his mercy grant.

You that buy this book pray notice take,
See that you don't the holy sabbath break;
Six days God made, that we might labour so,
To let the seventh to our devotion go.
Honour thy parents, and God will thee bless
With peace, long life, great joy, and happiness:
But he that curses surely will, at last,
Without God's mercy, into hell be cast.

I question not, but thro' a blessing from above, the reading of this little book may do your souls good. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved unto the coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

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